

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A wavelength characteristic control device capable of variably controlling a wavelength characteristic in a satisfactory manner. A polarized light wavelength
5 characteristic changing element has a wavelength characteristic such that the transmittances or reflectances of P- and S-polarized rays vary differently with respect to wavelength. Polarization variable control means subjects the plane of polarization of the polarized light incident on
10 the polarized light wavelength characteristic changing element to rotatory control to change the ratio of the P-polarized ray to the S-polarized ray, thereby variably controlling the wavelength characteristic.